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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Above average rainfall observed**
- **Good vegetation condition....**
- **Increase in rainfall is anticipated**
- **Warm to hot temperatures forecasted...**
- **Increase in soil moisture expected.....**

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RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES

RAINFALL

Above long term average rainfall was observed in the 2nd dekad of March 2026, mostly in the eastern parts (**Figure 1** and (**Map 1**).

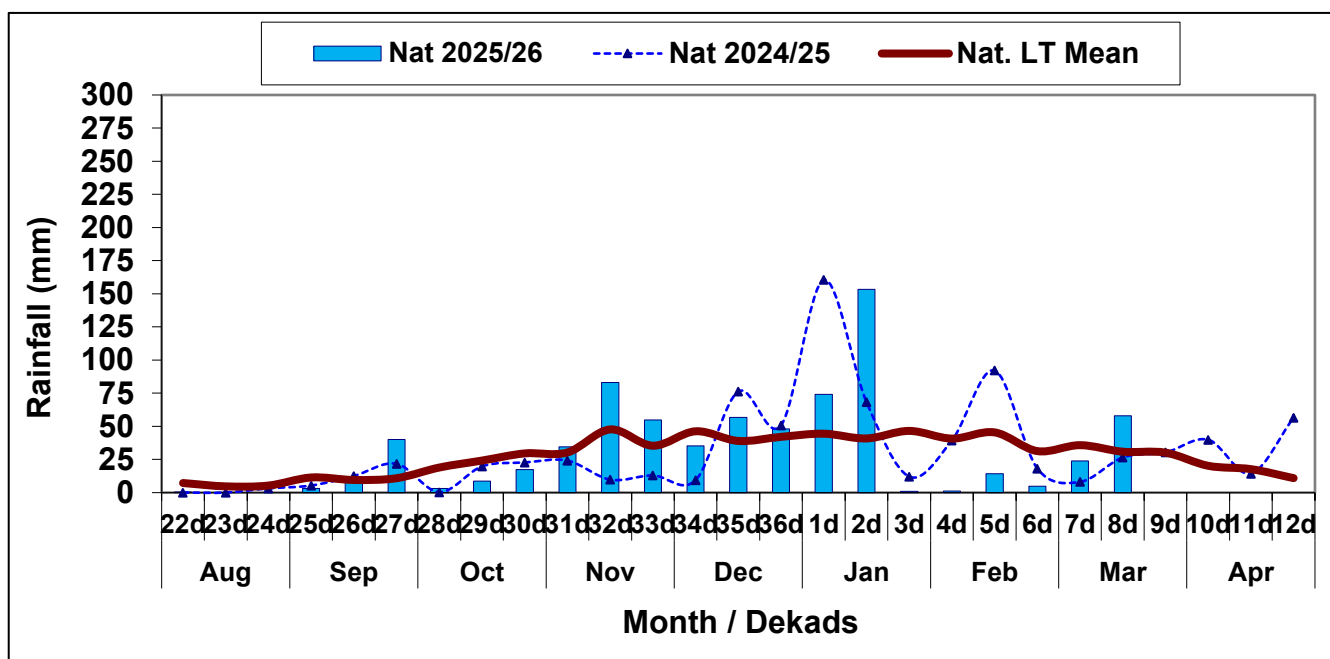
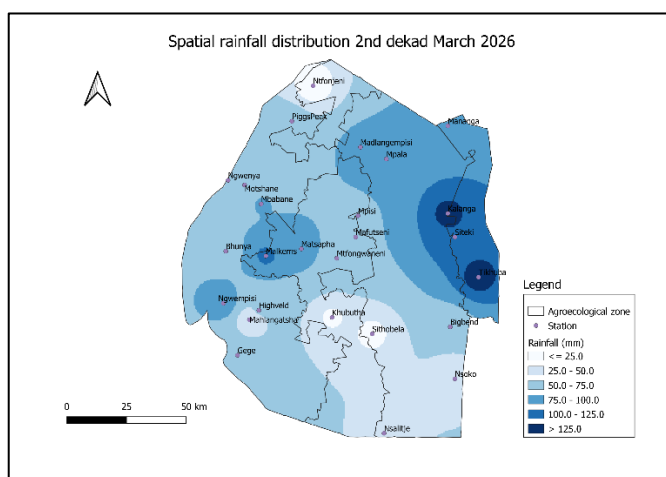
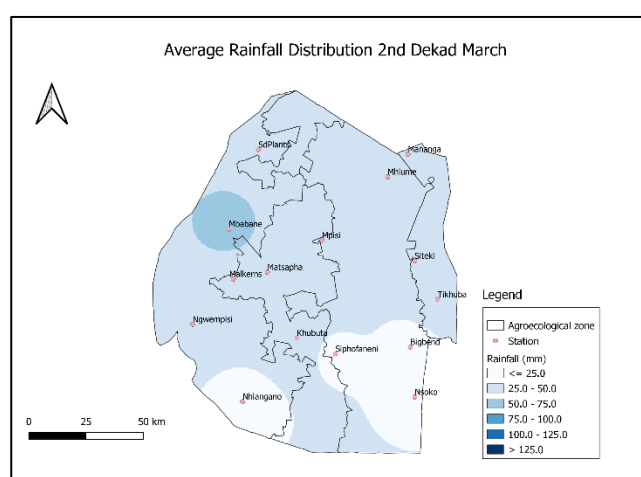


Figure 1: Rainfall distribution 2nd dekad March 2026



Map 1: Spatial rainfall distribution 2nd dekad March 2026



Map 2: Average Rainfall distribution 2nd dekad March

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Rainfall observed was above average in the country, with the highest observed in the Lubombo Plateau during the reporting period (**Table 1**).

Table 1: Rainfall (mm) 2nd dekad March 2026

	HV	MV	LV	LP
2024/25	38	20	15	43
Average	41	31	24	29
2025/26	53	49	56	133
Anomaly	12	18	32	104

TEMPERATURES

Cool to warm temperatures were generally observed during the reporting period. Most of the regions observed below average temperatures (**Figure 2**).

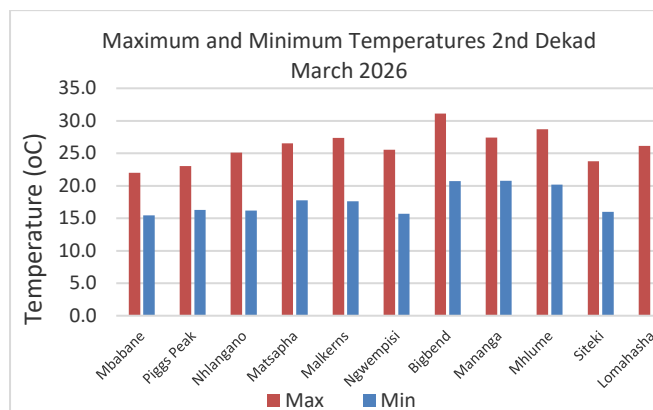


Figure 2: Maximum and Minimum temperatures 2nd dekad of March 2026

MAIZE AND OTHER CROPS

MAIZE CROP STAGE AND CONDITION

Maize is mostly at maturing stage. The condition is mostly good.

OTHER CROPS

No other crops have been reported to have been planted.

CURRENT FARMING ACTIVITY

Few farmers harvesting early planted maize.

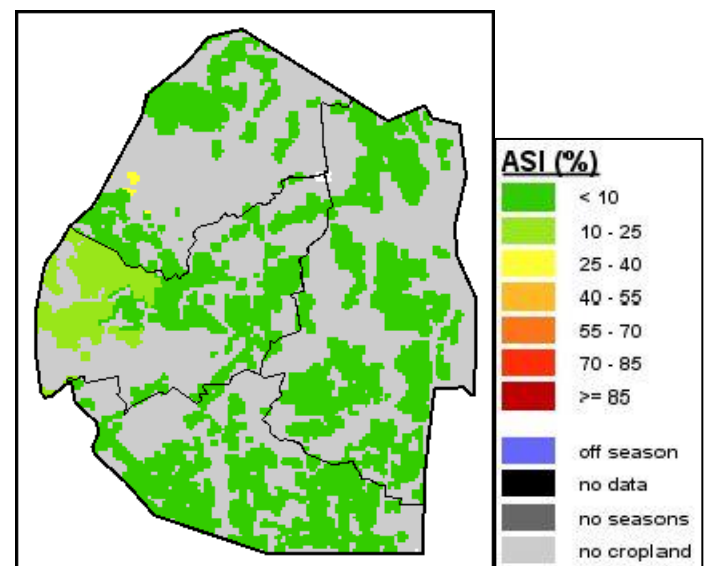


Image 1: Agriculture Stress Index 2nd dekad March 2026
Source: FAO-GIEWS

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES

Livestock is in good condition as rangelands are reported to be in good condition.

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WATER SITUATION

Slight improvement observed in some dam levels.

MEDIUM-TERM OUTLOOK

RAINFALL

Significant rainfall is anticipated in the outlook period.

TEMPERATURE

Cool, warm to hot temperatures are anticipated in the outlook period.

SOIL MOISTURE

An increase in soil moisture is expected in the outlook period.

WIND SPEED

Wind will generally be light during the outlook period.

NB: Outlook period is ten days from date of issue

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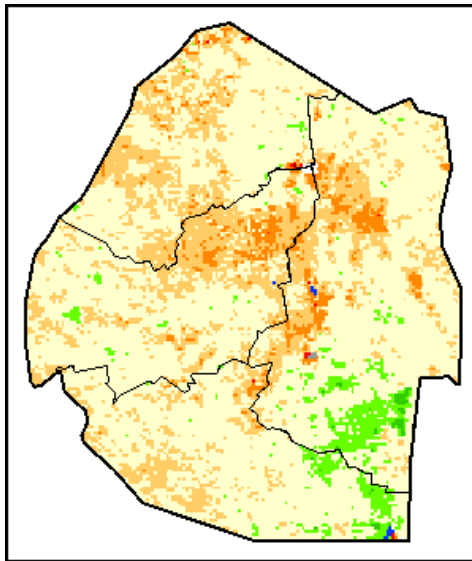
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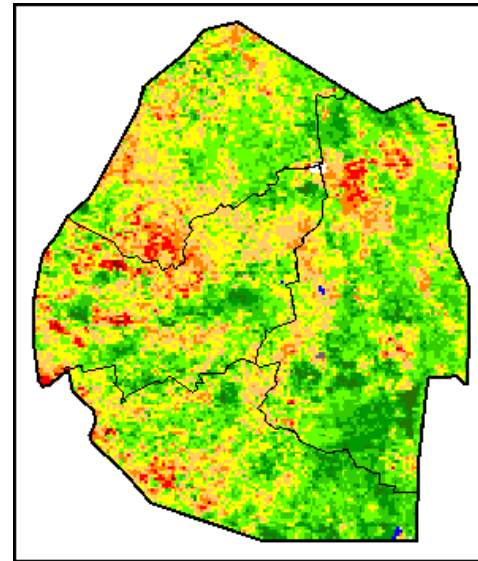


Legend

Difference to LTA



Image 2: Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) Anomaly (2nd Dekad March 2026)
Source: FAO-GIEWS



Legend

VHI

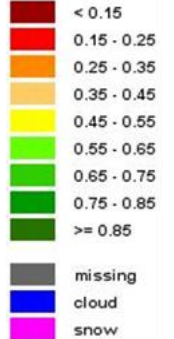


Image 3: Vegetation Health Index (VHI) (2nd Dekad March 2026)
Source: FAO-GIEWS

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